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SUBJ: CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR AND BANGLADESH

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1. FONOSN OFFICIAL HAS TOLD ME INFORMALLY THAT VISA REQUESTED BANGKOK REFTEL DEC. 22 WILL NOT BE ISSUED TO DAN SOUTHERLAND OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR BECAUSE OF BDG'S ANMZUNCE#OVER RECENT MONITOR ARTICLE.

2. HE SAID ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY MONITOR'S DELHI CORRESPONDENT BRAHMANANDA REDDY AND PUBLISHED DEC. 23 UNDER TITLE "TENSION IN SOUTH ASIA." HE DESCRIBED IT AS "RUBBISH, " "A TISSUE OF LIES AND INNUENDOS" AND WORSE, AND SAID "EVEN CPI HAS NOT GONE SO FAR."

3. REDDY SAID TO HAVE FALSELY REPORTED ARRIVAL OF PAKISTANI ARMS AND MILITARY OFFICERS IN BIL,

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ARRIVAL OF CHINESE TO TRAIN BD

GUERRILLAS, SIGNING OF 13 SECRET AGREEMENTS BETWEEN NEW BDG AND OTHER COUNTRIES. HE ALSO ALLEGELY MISQUOTED BD FOREIGN SECRETARY.

4. REQUEST IPS SEND US FULL TEXT OF REDDY ARTICLE TELEGRAPHICALLY. ALSO REQUEST TEXTS OF HENRY BRADSHER'S SERIES ON BD IN WASHINGTON STAR WHICH, ACCORDING TO FONOFF OFFICIAL, BEGAN DEC. 27. HE CALLED THEM, BY CONTRAST WITH REDDY PIECE, "SOBER AND WELL WRITTEN."
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